



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Uwe HEITMANN

Appl. No. 09/482,679

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For: APPARATUS FOR MAKING A
STREAM OF TOBACCO SHREDS

Art Unit: 1731

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Non-final Office Action dated July 5, 2001, Applicants submit the following
Amendment and Reply.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are needed to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims), and any other fee deficiency are hereby authorized to be charged, or any overpayments credited, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.